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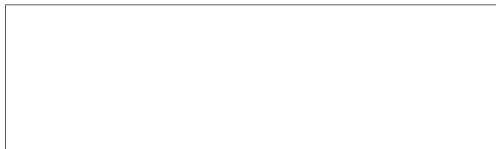
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ABSTRACT



1. This report describes the suspect missile launchers observed on the KIANGTUNG DE/DEG. 

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 It contains a perspective drawing and two photographs.

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BASIC DESCRIPTION

2. Ground photography of the KIANGTUNG DE/DEG, P/N 531, taken at Ching-tao Naval Base  provided the first look at the missile launchers without canvas cover (Figure 1). The size, shape, and engineering of the launchers (Figure 2) suggested that they could accommodate one or two  missiles of relatively heavy weight. Although they are suspected of being surface-to-air missile (SAM) launchers, the type of missile associated with them is still unknown, as no evidence of an attendant missile or SAM guidance system was observed. SAM, surface-to-surface (SSM), and surface-to-subsurface missile systems are all possibilities.

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3. Although the photography was of good quality, interpretability was difficult because two vessels, moored outboard the KIANGTUNG, obstructed 30 percent of the aft launcher and almost all of the forward launcher.

4.  the KIANGTUNG P/N 531 was at Shang-hai Naval Base Wu-sung  The launchers were again covered and no new electronics were observed.

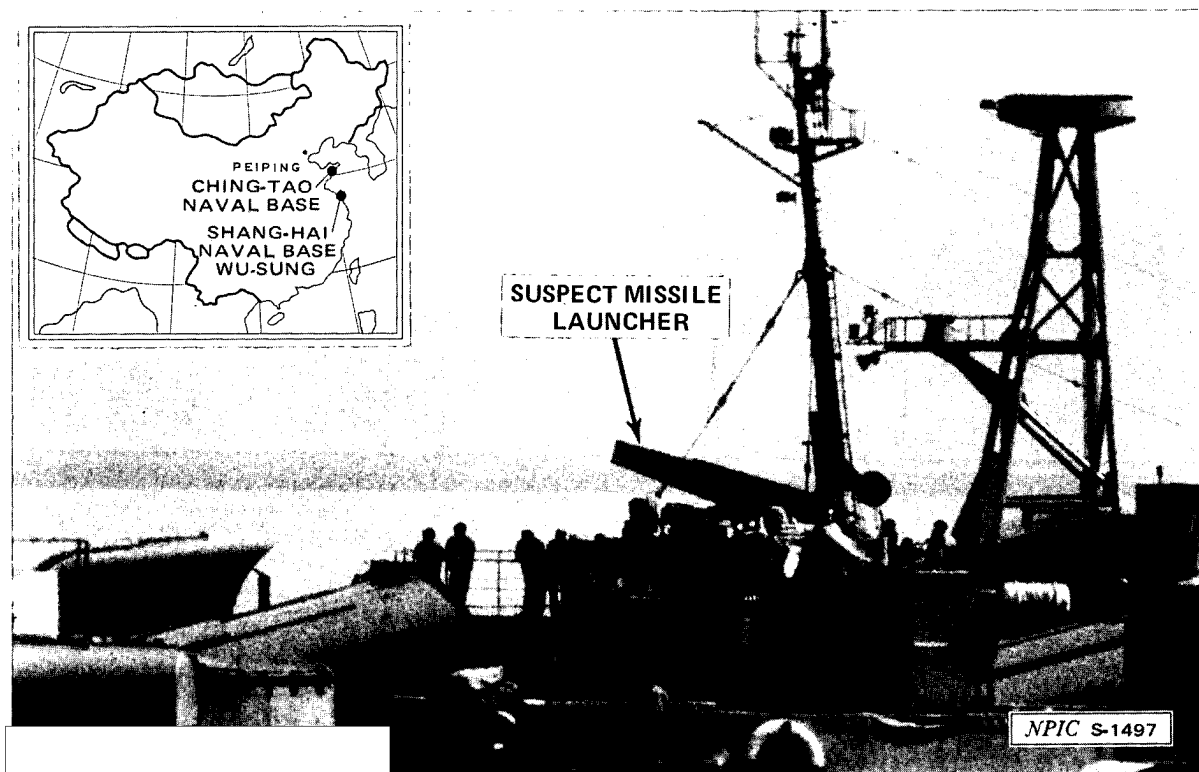
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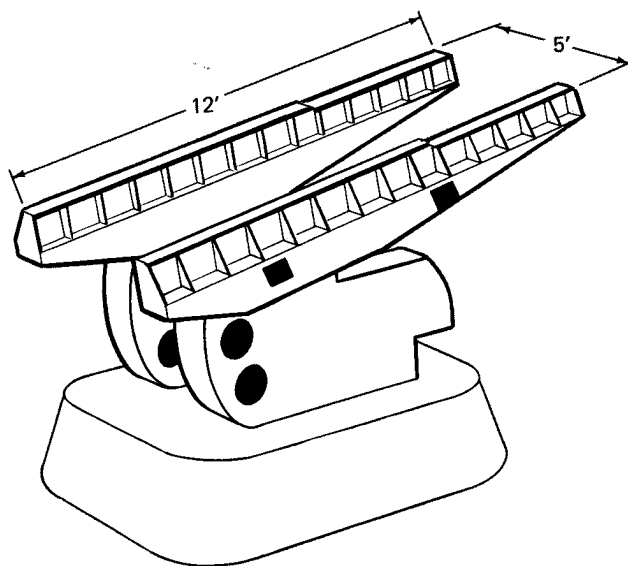
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FIGURE 1. SUSPECT SAM/SSM/SURFACE-TO-SUBSURFACE MISSILE LAUNCHER WITHOUT CANVAS COVER, CHING-TAO NAVAL BASE



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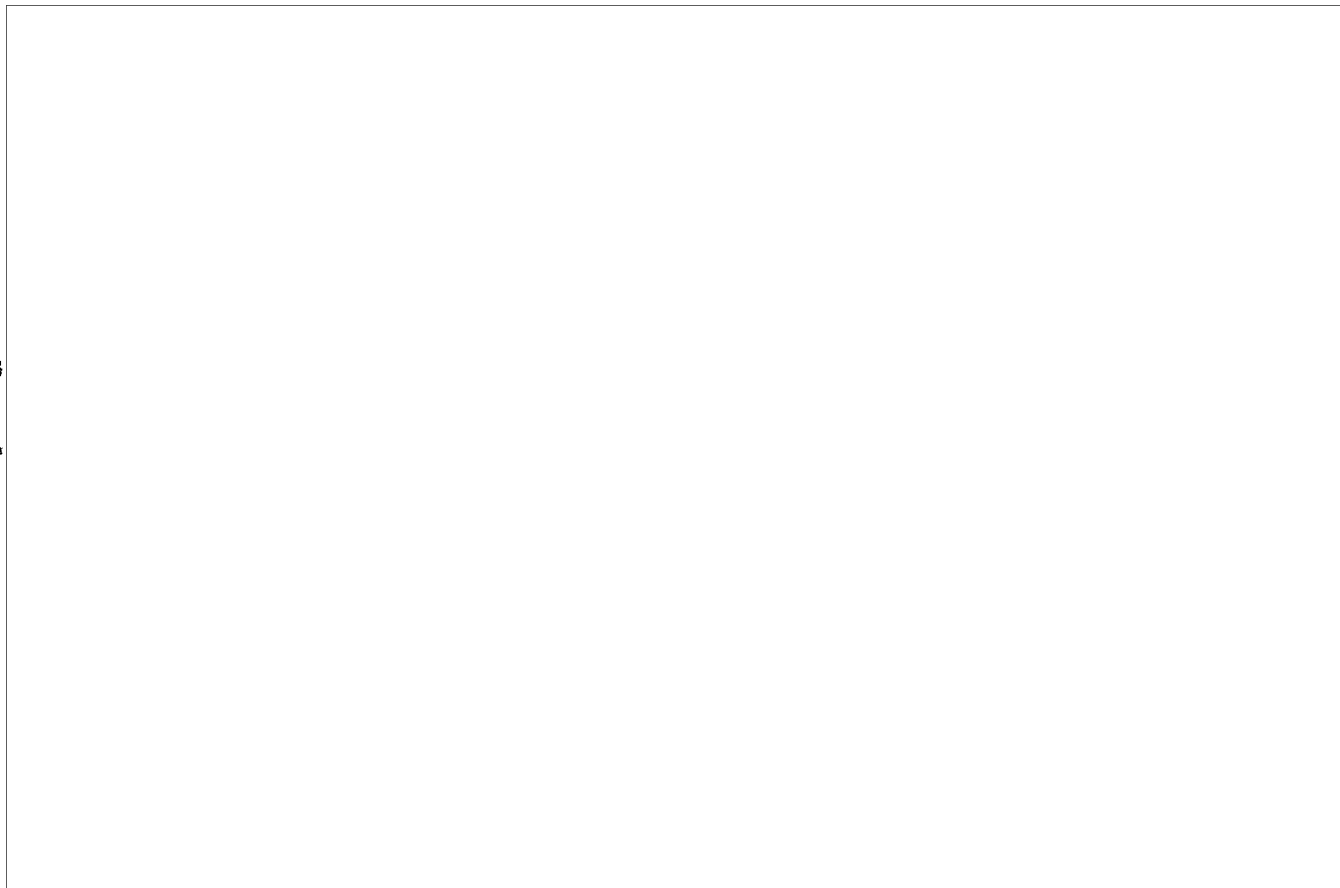
FIGURE 2. ARTIST'S CONCEPT OF MISSILE LAUNCHER

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